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## MEMORANDUM TO THE SECRETARY OF WAR

Subject: Minutes of the Meeting of the "Committee of 3"

If you desire any correction in the minutes as presented,  
I will arrange for a corrigendum.

If you think appropriate, you might suggest at the next meeting that some of the burden could be lifted from the recorder by requiring the minutes to contain only matter relevant to the subjects presented and any action directed by the Committee. If this is done, it will facilitate presentation to the staff of committee matters for necessary action where required.

## Action taken within the War Department:

Chapultepec Treaty

It was recommended that General Embick, General Fairchild and General Hartford be War Department representatives instead of General Handy. They have been advised and have been meeting with State Department representatives. A report of progress of these conversations will be presented to you by the staff.

Unified Intelligence Service

There has been forwarded to you for signature a memorandum already signed by the Secretary of State which will more clearly define the authority of SWNCC. SWNCC could in effect become

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the working body for the proposed Council of National Defense. If the memorandum prepared by Mr. Russell and read in part by Mr. Byrnes at the last meeting could be passed to SWNCC, that committee could then present to the "Committee of 3" a study covering the organization of the proposed council and the field of activity which it might well cover. I think within the War Department this is something that the staff should consider and this can be accomplished through SWNCC.

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American Forces in Czechoslovakia

General Eisenhower has been queried as to the date when he expects to accomplish the removal of these Sudeten Germans. When this information is at hand, General Eisenhower's recommendation will be forwarded to the Department of State (staff is taking action).

Rate of Demobilization

No action required on this item.

Atomic Energy

Mr. Harrison has been advised and furnished an extract from the "Committee of 3" minutes for his information.

Treatment of Germany

As directed the paper asking for clarification by the State Department has been introduced into SWNCC. A copy of this paper has been furnished to General Greenbaum for your information.

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Disposition of Japanese War Vessels

Mr. Lovett and the staff have been advised of the conversation which took place at the meeting on this item.

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